

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shackleford, J. Barry                      Art Unit : 2121  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action of February 2, 2004, please consider withdrawal of this Final Office Action and allowance of the pending claims in view of our discussion below. In the event the Examiner does not wish to withdraw the Final Office Action, Applicant has submitted a Notice of Appeal and will pursue this as expeditiously as possible.